Infrastructural facilities at major fishing harbours

436. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken up the task to develop infrastructural facilities at major fishing harbours including Raichak in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Infrastructural facilities for landing and berthing of fishing vessels, water and power supplies, buildings, land for setting up of fishery industries etc. are provided at fishing harbours at major ports of Madras, Cochin, Visakhapatnam and Calcutta (Roychowk). Repair facility is also provided at these harbours except Roychowk.

Food Corporation of India godowns in Nileshwaram (Kerala)

437. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion of Food Corporation of India godown at Nileshwaram (Kerala) has since been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The Food Corporation of India propose to expand its existing storage capacity at Neleshwaram by 10,000 tonnes. The Corporation is at present in the process of preparing the estimates. The construction is likely to commence during the current year.

Government accommodation to wards of retired employees of organisations having separate quota

438. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wards of retired employees of the organisations having their own quota of accommodation, are placed at a disadvantage on being employed under the Central Government and becoming eligible for allotment of accommodation from the General Pool;

(b) what action Government propose to take to mitigate the hardship of such employees in the matter of allotment of quarters on compassionate grounds;

(c) what are the departments and organisations of the Central Government which have separate pools of accommodation;

(d) whether there are certain other departments which though have no separate pool accommodation, yet the wards of their employees are deprived of the benefit of allotment of accommodation from General Pool on compassionate grounds on retirement of their parents only on the ground that some special quota of quarters, besides the General accommodation, is placed at their disposal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a), (d) and (e) As per the existing Rules the concession of *ad-hoc* allotment of general pool accommodation, is admissible to eligible wards dependents of Government employees who are allottees of general pool accommodation. This benefit is not extended to allottees of departmental pool accommodation or allottees of those quarters who have been placed at the disposal of other Departments.